

# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

October 5, 2017

## CALL TO ORDER

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Mr. Durk Tyson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. The following attended the meeting:

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS:

David Ames	Emilie Kane
Diego Llerena	Ann Maxwell
Durk Tyson	

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Daryl Norris, City of Greenville  
Amanda Braddy, City of Greenville  
Jacqueline Ponder, Unnatural Resources Institute, Inc.  
Chad Carwein, ECU

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Tyson requested New Business Item 7C be tabled as Dr. Hamilton was not present to give the update. Mr. Tyson also requested to add a New Business Item to receive a recap on the Neighborhood Advisory Board meeting featuring Stan Riggs.

A motion was made by Ms. Maxwell to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kane and passed unanimously.

### 4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 3, 2017 MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Maxwell to approve the minutes of August 3, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ames and passed unanimously.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ames expressed interest in an article in the Daily Reflector relating to street light replacements within the City to LED bulbs. Mrs. Maxwell asked who had taken on the initiative to make these changes. Mr. Tyson stated it was a joint effort between the City and Greenville Utilities.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Ponder was present to inform members of the upcoming 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern North Carolina Unnatural Resources Fair. The event will be held at the Greenville Convention Center from February 2, 2018 through February 4, 2018. Admission is free and all are invited.

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. ECVC Tour Recap

Mr. Tyson gave a recap of the September 7, 2017 tour of East Carolina Vocational Center (ECVC). Mr. Tyson stated one particular item of interest to him was that ECVC attempted to find a market for most of the material that was brought to the center. Mr. Llerena added that he was dismayed with some items that were not recycled at the center; specifically the disposable plastic cups. Discussion also ensued regarding the chip reader on City recycling vehicles. Mr. Norris will speak with Mr. Bryant, Sanitation Supervisor to determine if this was a project that Sanitation is looking to work towards in the near future.

**B. 2018-2019 EAC Grant Discussion**

Mr. Tyson asked Staff to prepare the 2018-2019 Grant package information with the updated fact sheet, grant application and list of potential candidates.

**C. Recreation & Parks Commission Update**

This item was tabled.

**D. Redevelopment Commission Update**

Mr. Tyson stated the Redevelopment Commission reported on the transfer of property for the Uptown Theater. The Commission also accepted applications for Small Business Plan Applications and should award the winner in September 2017.

**E. Greenville Utilities Commission Update**

Mr. Tyson reported the Electric Department is building a new substation and changing existing street lights to LED. The Wastewater Treatment plant is undergoing an expansion. Mr. Tyson also reported Greenville Utilities purchased a new property located on NC 43 near the intersection of Hwy 264. The property will be the location of the operations center which is now located on Mumford Road. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2018.

**F. SWAC Meeting Update**

Mr. Norris reported the Stormwater Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. This meeting developed the parliamentary procedures for future meetings as well as establishing a Chair and Vice-Chair and set future meeting dates through June 2018. Meetings will be held in the City Hall Conference Room 337 at 3:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of January, which will be held on January 9, 2018 to accommodate for the New Year holiday. Extent of Service was introduced as well and will be discussed in further detail in upcoming meetings.

**G. Neighborhood Advisory Board Meeting Update**

Mrs. Maxwell reported Stan Riggs was present at the June 2017 meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Board meeting. The topic of conversation was "Greenville, Why we Flood." Mrs. Maxwell stated Mr. Riggs studied the Stormwater Study and feels the plans of the study need to be applied to reduce potential flooding in Greenville. Dr. Kane added that she felt the presentation was well done and agreed with the assessment that the plans of the Stormwater Study need to be implemented.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ECU Sustainability Update**

Mr. Carwein reported the Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory is being updated and more information will be provided at the November 2017 meeting. Mr. Carwein also stated ECU is receiving information from bike share companies with the possibility of expanding to the City of Greenville as well. More information will be provided on this project at the November 2017 meeting.

Mr. Carwein also stated ECU is working to establish guidelines for future building relating to construction standards. Mr. Carwein also the Biotechnology and Life Sciences building is in the design stage and sustainability and energy efficiency is being developed.

Mr. Carwein added that a student group has launched a "green fund" campaign to propose a fee to be added to tuition for sustainability initiatives.

The monthly film series for October 19, 2017 will be a film titled "Under Contract." The event will be held at 6:30pm at the Willis Building.

**9. OTHER– FYI**

**10. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items are proposed for the November 2, 2017 meeting:

**A. 2018 Goals & Objectives Discussion**

**B. Council Presentation Discussion**

**C. Cool Cities Initiative Update**

**D. Plastic Bag Resolution Update**

**E. Volkswagen Settlement Update**

**F. UST Report**

**G. 2018-2019 Grant Discussion**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Maxwell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kane and passed unanimously.